

I, J C Alexander, am a General-class amateur radio operator and submit the following comment to RM-10784 (Reich Petition).

I AGREE with this petition and its intent. Mr. Reich concisely proposes to promote the amateur radio hobby by eliminating the Morse code (CW) requirement while at the same time preserving the integrity of the three license classes. Even though another petition before the Commission attempts the same feat (RM-10781, Beauregard Petition), Mr. Reich seeks to keep the Technician class a VHF/UHF-oriented license and maintains that the Extra class license warrants additional examination requirements due to being the top license in the amateur service. The General class, under this proposal, would remain the basic, full license, permitting all modes on a portion of all bands.

Perhaps this is best compromise for all concerned. First, applicants would find the study materials to remain virtually the same, meaning that publishers would have virtually no changes over the proposed rule. Second, volunteer examining teams would find their workload slightly less, one of the key points raised by RM-10786 (NCVEC Petition). Third, Technician licensees would have an incentive to upgrade and enjoy HF operating without a Morse exam. Finally, the Commission would not have to create any new license class.

Compromise will be the key for all interested parties to settle the Morse question in a positive manner. This comment translates into HIGH RECOMMENDATION for consideration by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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